

STEGANOGRAPHIC MESSAGING THROUGH IMAGERY**Abstract**

5 Imagery is steganographically encoded with message data to serve a variety of purposes. For example,
a photograph can be embedded with a message that identifies a corresponding record in a database, where the
database record details information relating to the photograph (e.g., the photographer's name or address).
Photocollages can be formed of plural photographic images, each encoded with a different steganographic
message. Medical imagery can be embedded with steganographic messages, e.g., to aid in authentication of the
10 images.

